

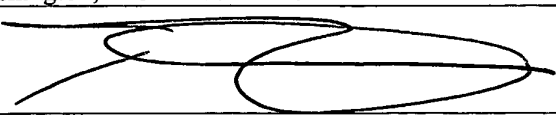
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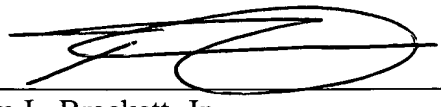
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Applicants cite JP-02-121369; JP-59-117164; JP-58-016566; US-4,232,327; US-4,704,302; US-4,832,986; and US-5,192,644 which were cited in the counterpart Japanese patent application and mailed September 7, 2004.

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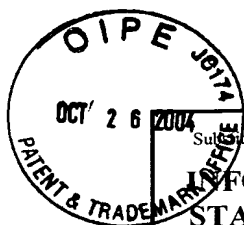
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